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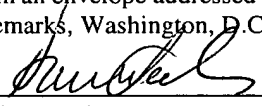
EXAMINER:

FOR: Anatomical Distal Radius
Fracture Fixation Point
and Method of Using the
Same

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Pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure 37 CFR Section 1.56, enclosed is a completed form PTOL-1449 as well as copies of the cited documents which relate to the above-referenced patent application. Since this document submittal is being presented prior to the first examination on the merits, no fee is due herewith.

The articles enclosed are as follows:

"SCS™/D Distal Radius Plate System: Dorsal", Avanta, 1997 describes how this rigid fixation can promote early rehabilitation. They are designed to increase plate strength and to lessen the role of distal metaphyseal screws.

"SCS™/V Distal Radius Plate: Volar", Avanta, 1998. This article describes how this apparatus engages the strong subchondral bone of the fragments which are designed to carry loads directly through the plate to the proximal shaft.

"The Distal Radius Plate Instrument and Implant Set", Technique Guide, SYNTHES®, Paoli, PA, 1995. This article describes how this device is used for the fixation of fractures and carpal fusions involving the distal radius.



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"The Titanium Distal Radius Plate", Technique Guide, SYNTHES®, Paoli, PA, 1995; A Technique Guide for dorsal application in complex intra-articular and extra-articular fractures of the distal radius; and also osteotomies of the distal radius.

"Advances in Distal Radius Fracture Management (D)", transcript of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, 2001 Conference pp. 134-151, February 28, 2001, including article by Matthew D. Putnam MD, entitled "Repair and Rehabilitation of Distal Radius Fractures: The Role of Subchondral Fixation" at pp. 144-147.

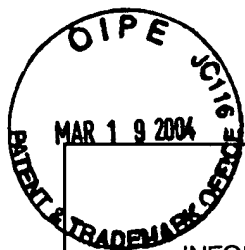
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Moreover, no representation is made that the brief descriptions of the references herein necessarily describe the most material aspects of the references. Further, by this listing, the applicant is not making any admission regarding the relative dates of the invention and listed disclosures.

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